

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S

STORIES OF HUNTING BIG GAME TOLD BY HIMSELF

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STORY No. 2. Hunting the Buffalo

AFTER the ending of the civil war the work of constructing transcontinental railway lines was pushed with the utmost vigor. These supplied cheap and indispensable, but hitherto woefully lacking, means of transportation to the hunters; and at the same time the demand for buffalo robes and hides became very great, while the enormous numbers of the beasts and the comparative ease with which they were slaughtered attracted thousands of adventurers.

The result was such a slaughter of big game as the world had never before known; never before were so many large animals of one species destroyed in so short a time. Several million buffaloes were slain in fifteen years from the time the destruction fairly began in the great herds were exterminated. In all probability there are now, all told, 200 head of wild buffaloes on the American continent, and no herd of 100 individuals has been in existence since 1884.

In 1882 Mr. Clarence King, while riding along the overland trail through western Kansas, passed through a great herd of buffalo, and was himself injured in an encounter with a bull. The herd was then passing northward, and Mr. King reckoned that it must have covered an area nearly seventy miles by thirty in extent, the figures representing his rough guess, made after traveling through the herd crosswise, and upon knowing how long it took to pass a given point going northward. This great herd, of course, was not a solid mass of buffaloes; it consisted of innumerable bands of every size, dotting the prairie within the limits given.

boundary line, and some twenty-five miles west of the line of Wyoming. We were camped high among the mountains with small pack train. On the day in question we had gone out to find moose, but had seen no sign of them, and had then begun to climb over the higher peaks with an idea of getting sheep. The old hunter who was with me, was very fortunately, suffering from rheumatism, and he therefore carried a long staff instead of his rifle. I say fortunately, for if he had carried his rifle it would have been impossible to stop his firing at such game as bison, nor would he have spared the cows and calves.

About the middle of the afternoon we crossed a low, rocky ridge, above timber line, and saw at our feet a basin or round valley of singular beauty. Its walls were formed by steep mountains. At its upper end lay a small lake, bordered on one side by a meadow of general green. The lake's other side marked the edge of the frowning pine forest which filled the rest of the valley and hung high on the sides of the gorge which formed its outlet. Beyond the lake the ground rose in a vast, gently undulating plain of game in the pine zone days, their trails lying along it in thick zigzags, each gradually fading out after a few hundred yards, and then starting again in a little different place, as game trails so often seem to do.

We bent our steps toward these trails, and no sooner had we reached the first than the old hunter bent over it with a sharp exclamation of wonder. There in the dust were the unmistakable hoof-marks of a small band of bison, apparently but a few hours old. They were headed toward the lake. There had been a half dozen animals in the party, one a big bull, and two calves.

We immediately turned and followed the trail, it led down to the little lake, where the beasts had grazed and drunk their fill. The footprints then came together again, showing where the animals had gathered and walked off in single file to the forest. Evidently they had come to the pool in the early morning, walking over the same path from some neighboring valley, and after drinking and feeding had moved into the pine forest to some spot for their nocturnal rest.

It was a very still day, and there were nearly three hours of daylight left. Without a word my silent companion, who had been scanning the whole country with hawk-eyed eagerness, besides scrutinizing the signs on his hands and knees, took the trail, motioning me to follow. In a moment we entered the woods, breathing a sigh of relief as we passed from the pine to the spruce, and after drinking and feeding had moved into the pine forest to some spot for their nocturnal rest.

Once or twice when I trod on a small twig, or let the nails in my shoes click slightly against a stone, the hunter turned to me with a frown of angry impatience; but as he walked slowly, continually halting to look ahead, as well as stooping over to examine the trail, I did not find it very difficult to move silently. I kept a little behind him and to one side, save when he crouched to take advantage of some piece of cover, and I crept in his footsteps. I did not look at the trail at all, but kept watching ahead, hoping at the moment to see the game.

It was not very long before we struck their day beds, which were made on a knoll where the forest was open and where there was much down timber. After leaving the day beds the animals had at first straggled separately around the grassy base and sides of the knoll, and had then made off in their usual single file, going straight to a small pool in the forest. After drinking they had left the pool and travelled down toward

COMPLETE CHARTS OF TO-DAY'S RACES.

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HITCHCOCK TESTIMONY ALL IN; VERDICT MAY BE RENDERED TO-NIGHT

William Astor Chanler Denied Meeting Girls Who Accused the Actor—Latter's Valet Corroborated in Detail His Story.

The jury that has been trying Actor Raymond Hitchcock on the charge of mistreating little girls will take the case to-night. A verdict is expected by to-morrow morning.

Rather unexpectedly both sides rested late this afternoon in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court. After a short recess Max Steuer began closing for the defense. It was announced that he would speak an hour, and that when he had concluded Assistant District-Attorney Garvan would spend another hour summing up. It was known that Justice Goff intended to charge the jury as soon as the speckmaking ended.

The defense put its best foot foremost in the last day of the trial. The principal witnesses were Herman Hitchcock's valet, who spent two hours corrob-

orating the combination plea of alibi and excuse, which his master offered yesterday, and former Congressman

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EVENING WORLD RACING CHART

NINTH DAY AT GRAVESSEND.

Weather Clear. June 10. Track Fast.

412 FIFTH RACE—Three-year-olds and upward; selling, \$1,000 added; one mile and a sixteenth. Post time, 2:26. Off, 2:28. Start good. Won easily. Winner, B. C. by Esplanade. Time, 1:40.2. Index. Starters. Wts. 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